



# Environmental Impact Statement for Arlington County and Vicinity Rowing Facility

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*Dear Neighbors and Visitors,*

*For more than a decade, rowing enthusiasts in Arlington County have actively pursued the development of a community boathouse to provide a home for the rowing programs of Arlington's public high schools, other area schools, and local rowing and paddling organizations. In August 2002, the National Park Service released a study entitled Facility & Site Analysis for a Boathouse on the Potomac River in Arlington County and Vicinity. This analysis was initiated specifically at the request of Congress for assessing the potential siting of a boathouse within Arlington County along the Potomac River. The study examined building a boathouse with indoor storage space and floating docks at four possible locations—two on the Rosslyn Waterfront, one south of the CSX/14th Street Bridges, and one on Daingerfield Island.*

*I am pleased to announce the initiation of the Environmental Impact Statement for Arlington County and Vicinity Rowing Facility. The goal of the Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, is to study the sites identified in the 2002 Facility & Site Analysis and determine a preferred alternative according to the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and National Park Service policies and mandates.*

*The George Washington Memorial Parkway preserves the natural scenery of the Potomac River. Developed as a memorial to George Washington, the parkway connects historic sites such as Mount Vernon, where he lived; Washington, D.C., the nation's capital that he founded; and Great Falls of the Potomac, where he demonstrated his skills as an engineer. The parkway may be used on any given day to travel to exciting historical, natural, and recreational areas. Not only does its scenic route offers respite from the urban pressures of metropolitan Washington, the parkway protects the Potomac River shoreline and watershed.*

*At this time, I invite your participation in the EIS effort. There will be several opportunities to contribute your ideas and concerns about the project. Newsletters, such as this, will be distributed to the public, local libraries, the project mailing list and will be posted on the Internet with a comment form. A public open house will be held June 21, 2004 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Arlington County Government Building, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Conference Rooms C&D in the lobby. Parking is available in the building and it is Metro-accessible via the Orange Line at Court House Station. When the Environmental Impact Statement for Arlington County and Vicinity Rowing Facility is produced, you will be invited to review and comment on it.*

*To help us update the project mailing list, and/or to receive your views on the proposed alternative locations for a boathouse, please use the attached comment form or the email and phone number provided below.*

*We appreciate and look forward to your comments.*

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